

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GREENVILLE DIVISION

Aaron Blake Waters,) Case No. 6:20-cv-04312-DCC
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) **ORDER**
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Zachary A. Hampton,)
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Defendant.)
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This matter is before the Court upon Plaintiff's complaint alleging violations of his civil rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. ECF No. 1. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2), (D.S.C.), this matter was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Jacquelyn D. Austin for pre-trial proceedings and a Report and Recommendation ("Report"). On February 14, 2022, Defendant filed a Motion for Summary Judgment. ECF No. 34. On February 15, 2022, this Court issued an order pursuant to *Roseboro v. Garrison*, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir.1975), advising Plaintiff of the summary judgment/dismissal procedure and the possible consequences if he failed to respond adequately. ECF No. 35. Despite the explanation of the summary judgment/dismissal procedure and the possible consequences for failing to respond, Plaintiff did not respond. On March 24, 2022, the Magistrate Judge directed Plaintiff respond to the Motion by April 13, 2022. ECF No. 37. The Magistrate Judge again warned Plaintiff that failing to respond could subject his claims to dismissal with prejudice.

Plaintiff has not filed any document in response to the motion or indicated that he intends to proceed with this action.

On April 22, 2022, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that this action be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) for failure to prosecute. ECF No. 40. The Magistrate Judge advised the Plaintiff of the procedures and requirements for filing objections to the Report and the serious consequences if he failed to do so. He did not file objections to the Report, and the time to do so has lapsed.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. See *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The Court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of any portion of the Report of the Magistrate Judge to which a specific objection is made. The Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). The Court will review the Report only for clear error in the absence of an objection. See *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” (citation omitted)).

After considering the record in this case, the applicable law, and the Report of the Magistrate Judge, the Court finds no clear error and agrees with the recommendation of

the Magistrate Judge. Accordingly, this action is **DISMISSED** with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Donald C. Coggins, Jr.
United States District Judge

June 27, 2022
Spartanburg, South Carolina

¹ The Motion for Summary Judgment [34] is found as **MOOT**.